

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A fish cleaning device comprising:
 - a base having an upper surface and a lower surface;
 - one or more arms, each having a first and second end, wherein the first end is pivotally attached to said base;
 - a clamp-securing member, pivotally attached to said second arm end; and
 - a clamp, attached to said clamp-securing member.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein said one or more arms are pivotally attached to said base at approximately the mid-point of the length of the base.
3. The device of claim 1, wherein the device comprises two arms, attached to opposing sides of said base.
4. The device of claim 1, additionally comprising one or more legs extending from the lower surface of said base.
5. The device of claim 4, wherein the one or more legs extend laterally from the base to provide a limit to the travel of the one or more arms.
6. The device of claim 1, wherein said upper surface of said base contains a textured surface selected from the group consisting of raised ribs and indented grooves.
7. A method of cleaning a fish, said method comprising:
 - a) providing a fish cleaning device, said device comprising a base having an upper surface and a lower surface, one or more arms, each arm having a first and second end, wherein each of said first ends is pivotally attached to said base, a clamp-securing member pivotally attached to said second arm end, and a clamp, attached to said clamp-securing member;
 - b) securing a fish to the clamp;

- 8 c) positioning the one or more arms such that said arms are adjacent to the
- 9 base at a first end such that said fish lies flat on the upper surface of said
- 10 base;
- 11 d) cleaning a first side of said fish;
- 12 e) pivoting said one or more arms relative to said base, such that said fish is
- 13 flipped and said first side of the fish rests on the upper surface of the base;
- 14 and
- 15 f) cleaning a second side of said fish.

1 8. The method according to claim 7, additionally comprising the steps of and gutting the
2 fish and removing the head and tail of the fish.

1 9. The method according to claim 7, wherein the step of cleaning a first side of said fish
2 and the step of cleaning a second side of said fish are each at least one procedure
3 selected from the group consisting of scaling the fish, skinning the fish, and filleting
4 the fish.

1 10. The method according to claim 7, wherein the step of cleaning a first side of said fish
2 and the step of cleaning a second side of said fish are each filleting the fish.

1 11. The method according to claim 7, wherein the step of securing a fish to the clamp
2 comprises clamping the head of the fish.

1 12. The method according to claim 7, wherein the step of securing a fish to the clamp
2 comprises clamping the tail of the fish.